

Society at the Capitol

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Brilliant New Year Reception
at the White House—Ambassadors
in Brilliant Court Costumes—
Dancers of the Confederacy to
Give Ball on the Evening of Jan-
uary 12th.

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WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 9.—With
merry song and dance the holidays have
passed. With right good cheer the old
year was and on its way into the social
history of the Capital, while the New
Year was welcomed with the roar of
cannon—"the sounding brass and tinkling
cymbal" of a twelve-month, which it is
propounded to be open up much that now
seems the impossible, the too-good-to-be-
true, as it were.

The first day of the year was ushered
in with sunshine and spring-like zephyrs,
perfect overhead and underfoot, leaving
nothing to be desired by the multitude of
old and young who each season help to
revive old-time hospitality and give the
stamp of permanency to New Year visit-
ing as a social institution of Washington.

The White House reception of the morn-
ing was a brilliant affair though at-
tended by a smaller company of promi-
nent people than ever before, and men
were conspicuous by their absence in the
public reception that followed the formal
reception of the diplomats. Members
of the judicial and legislative branches
of the government were, of course, in-
vited to the reception, and the circle of
old and young who each season help to
revive old-time hospitality and give the
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January 1 is the only day on the offi-
cial social calendar when Columbia holds
court, and the occasion is naturally a gala
event, the charm of which is intensi-
fied when the weather is fine and the circle
of Cabinet hostesses unbroken. Ten
days beforehand cards are issued to such
as the Chief Executive may wish to in-
vite "behind the line" in the Blue Room,
where he and his wife and the ladies of
the Cabinet receive the nation's guests,
and to those who are invited merely to
the White House. In both cases invita-
tions are eagerly sought and happy is the
person who, being so favored, witnesses
the pageant for the first time. Having
secured one of these bits of magic pas-
se-board, the wise "first-timer" goes early
to witness the assembling of the guests
of honor, the diplomats of the world,
dressed in gorgeous court costumes, on
which the gold embroidery and lace, vies
with the elaborate gowns of their wives
and daughters.

Her efforts are rewarded in due season,
for the diplomatic corps considers punc-
tuality a cardinal virtue, to be espe-
cially observed in foreign lands; when a lag-
gard loses his place in the regular line and
though he may be an ambassador—the
personal representative of his sovereign—
must for the time reluctantly bring up
the rear.

Our official representatives are no less
punctual. Promptly at the appointed hour,
eleven o'clock A. M., the Marine Band
struck up "The Star Spangled Banner,"
and continued playing it, while the Presi-
dent, escorted Mrs. Roosevelt and fol-
lowed by the members of his Cabinet with
their ladies, descended the grand stair-
case, crossed the colonial hall and entered
the Blue Room, where the feminine con-
tingent quickly formed into line at the
right of the President, the military and
naval aides at his left, and the reception
began.

Count Cassini, the Russian Ambassa-
dor, master of the Imperial court, and
leader of the diplomatic corps at Wash-
ington, led the procession. This honor
comes to comparatively few in the diplo-
matic service and receives new dignity
in the person of the representative of the
Czar.

Following the Count and his staff came
the ambassadors from Italy, Germany,
Austria-Hungary, France, Mexico and
England, with their wives and official
staffs in the order of their coming to
Washington.

Sir Mortimer Durand, British ambassa-
dor, and Lady Durand, being very recent
arrivals, completed the list of ambassa-
dorial suites, and were followed by min-
isters plenipotentiary, secretaries and at-
taches, each with their respective staffs
and a distinctly foreign air.

The British Ambassador, who appeared
for the first time at a White House re-
ception, is a tall, distinguished looking
Englishman, with numerous medals and
decorations of honor, and the front of
his elaborately embroidered coat of
arms, Lady Durand, in Quaker gray
silk with white lace shawl drapery, was
a picturesque contrast.

The Chinese Legation, which is always
a feature of a Washington reception, was
headed by Minister Wu's successor, Sir
Liang Chenlung, and had one of the
largest suites present, six secretaries and
all in native dress like their chief, and
the Americanized interpreter, Mr. Yung
Kwai, with his New England wife.

The Koreans and Japanese, have adopt-
ed European dress, leaving the Chinese
the only wearers of Oriental attire now
in the Diplomatic Corps.

Madame J. J. C. Durand, wife of the
French Ambassador, and Baroness von
Sternberg, the two American women who
bear the title of Ambassadors, were in
the line, as were also Baroness von
Giskra—nee the beautiful Miss Gordon
of Georgia, but now the wife of the
Counselor of the Austrian-Hungarian
Embassy—Baroness Moncheus—nee Miss
Powell, of Arkansas, wife of the Belgian
Minister—and Mrs. Yung Kwai, the Aus-
sachusetts member of the Chinese Le-
gation.

When the diplomats and the United
States Government officials had been re-
ceived, the line of people waiting outside
extended three deep for Mrs. Roosevelt,
by 2.30 in the afternoon, when the doors
closed.

Mrs. Roosevelt wore white broadcloth,
trimmed with old lace inserted. Mrs.
Root wore black net and carried a big
black hat. Mrs. Knox, the best-dressed
woman in the Cabinet, came next, in blue-
gray crêpe, with angel's sleeves and
elaborate iridescent trimming. Mrs.
Payne wore jetted lace over white, with
a pretty corset of the soft, new
gray of Mrs. Hillecock, wife of a U.
S. Senator, and the white fur-trimmed
frocks of Miss Wilson, the only un-
married Cabinet lady.

Mrs. Corley, who as wife of the new
Secretary of Commerce and Labor, took
her place in the receiving line for the
first time, wore a white lace and net
over silk, and carried white hyacinths,
with a black hair net, a combination that
made her look quite bride-like, and em-
phasized her youthful appearance and
glorified her beautiful costumes were
nearly all in light shades. The Countess
Cassini, broke the usual rule for carriage
costume, by wearing a trained gown of
white lace and net, with a big black
picture hat, mole-skin fur. Madame
Aspiro, the handsome matron in the
foreign circle, wore light gray broadcloth
elaborately trimmed with open work in-
sertions, a bonnet and dark fur coat
completing the toilet. Mrs. John R. McLean,

was gowned in white silk applique and
lace. Mrs. J. B. Foraker, one of the
handsome women of the senatorial circle,
was in blue velvet, angel sleeves and
bertha of Duchesse lace. Miss Helen
Cannon, the daughter of the Speaker of
the House, wore light broadcloth with
clay lace collar and insertions. Her
sister, Mrs. LeSore, a princess gown ap-
pliqued.

The diplomatic reception at the White
House Thursday night, the first Bachelor's
cotton Wednesday, and the reception
Saturday night at the home of Mr. and
Mrs. Thomas Walsh, will make the first
week of the new year notable.

A wedding of importance, and the only
one of the year in the United States Su-
preme Court circle, will be that of Miss
Isabel McKenna and Mr. Pitts Dunfield
at the home of Justice and Mrs. Mc-
Kenna. The presents have already been
shown to the friends, and include every-
thing for a house except carpets and
kitchen utensils.

Preparations for the Colonial ball, to be
given under the auspices of the Daughters
of the American Revolution, of the Dis-
trict of Columbia, are going successfully
forward. Many of the ladies of the
official and senatorial circles have sig-
nified their interest, and intention to attend
in costume and take part in the grand
marriage of the Sons of the American Revo-
lution, will come to Washington on the
18th, especially to participate in the ball.
Colonel Winter, commander of the Mil-
itiamen, and Mr. Wallace D. McLane,
secretary of the Sons of the American
Revolution, are assisting the "Daughters."

The memorial benefit ball to be given
by the Robert E. Lee Chapter, U. D. C.,
of the District of Columbia, on the
evening of January 12, at Rauscher's
promises to be one of the social events
of the winter. Many distinguished South-
erners will be present as well as those
prominent in official and social life, re-
presenting other parts of the country.
The following names have been con-
sented to as patronesses: Mrs. Wm. B. Baile,
Mrs. Asbury C. Latham, Mrs. Lee B.
Overman, Mrs. Arthur P. Gorman, Mrs.
D. A. DeArmond, Mrs. W. A. Jones, Mrs.
Rice Pierce, Mrs. George A. Burgess,
Mrs. Jane Elger, Mrs. Harry Heath, Mrs.
H. St. George Tucker, Mrs. Sidney J.
Bowie and others.

No Southern woman in Washington is
more popular than Mrs. P. M. Rixey, wife
of the Surgeon-General of the navy and
sister-in-law of Congressman John Rixey,
of Culpeper, Va. Mrs. Rixey is always
invited "behind the line" at White House
functions and is a frequent assistant to
the charming hostess of old residents. She
was the hostess at a brilliant afternoon
reception this week, when her assistants
included her sister, Mrs. E. Russell,
Smith; Mrs. Martin, wife of Hon. Thomas
S. Martin, junior senator from Virginia;
Miss Grace Day, Mrs. Boyd, Mrs. Nash,
Miss Rixey, Miss Ade, Miss Goodwyn,
Miss Elliott and Miss Taunt.

Mrs. Robert N. Harper, wife of Colonel
Harper, of Warrenton, Va., and Wash-
ington, entertained at a luncheon for forty

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covers complimentary to her guests, Mrs.
Green and Miss Green, of Philadelphia.
The decorations in the dining room were
violet and pink roses, the idea being car-
ried out in the form and color of the
ices, and the favors, dainty bon-bons
boxed, tied with violet and rose colored
ribbon. Christmas decorations obtained
in the other rooms in this hospitable
home on Capitol Hill.

Holiday Accident.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
FREDERICK HALL, VA., Jan. 9.—Mas-
ter Edmund Terrell, eldest son of our
popular physician, Dr. E. G. Terrell, out
his eye very seriously with a knife dur-
ing the holidays, but is now fast im-
proving.

On an amusing accident occurred
last Saturday to "Uncle John Anderson,"
a veteran ice-getter, who, with others
was employed in gathering ice on Mrs.
Harris' pond. "Uncle John," thinking he
would take a drink of water from the
pond, approached the edge of the ice,
kneel down to get it, when lo! he lost
his balance and tumbled in, where he
struggled around for quite a while be-
fore assistance could be given him.

A New Industry.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
BRISTOL, VA., Jan. 9.—The large
wood-working plant of J. A. Wilkenson,
the lumberman, who came from Meadow
View to Bristol a few months ago, was
put in operation this week. It gives em-
ployment to a large number of hands,
and is the center for a lumber business
covering a radius of a hundred miles.

Mother.

Nobody knows of the work it makes
To keep the home together;
Nobody knows of the steps it takes,
Nobody knows—but mother.

Nobody listens to childish woes,
Which kisses only smother;
Nobody's named by naughty blows;
Nobody—but mother.

Nobody knows of the sleepless care
Bestowed on baby brother;
Nobody knows of the tender prayer;
Nobody—but mother.

Nobody knows of the lessons taught
Of loving one another;
Nobody knows of the patience sought;
Nobody—but mother.

Nobody knows of the anxious fears
Least darlings may not weather
The storm of life in after years;
Nobody knows—but mother.

Chicago Examiner.

Corn Leads.

It will probably surprise some people,
who have been more or less dazzled by
the recent rise in cotton values, to learn
that corn is the most valuable of our
great crops. Cotton is the second,
wheat the third and wheat the fourth.
That has should be of more consequence
in this country than the wheat crop,
which so much is heard, is simply one of
those curiosities of agriculture that are
revealed by statistics.—Florida Times-
Union.

Jute Only.

There are a good many "sanctified"
people strolling made of pure asbestos.
But when the fire starts they may find
that, like that cushion in the fire-train
the asbestos is mostly jute.—
Columbia State.

—THE— MAN ABOUT TOWN

By
HARRY TUCKER



THE TALE OF A DOG.

"Now, the tale of that dog was about—"
said Emmett Levy.
"About ten inches long," put in Bill
Harp.
"No, it wasn't that kind of a tall," said
L. B. Kilmer.
"That reminds me of the time I was
at the New Kingston in Norfolk," inter-
rupted J. A. Miller.
"It was a rough night."

"Many schooners were wrecked
over the bar, and debris floated in
every few minutes with the tide.
"Joe Black had on his life-saving device
and was trying to get the bunch to join
the new club he is organizing."

"There came a lull and the tall of that
dog could almost be heard beating a
wild tattoo on the floor."

"A fellow out West had the dog, and
he was a ventriloquist," resumed Emmett.
"Who was a ventriloquist?" asked Mr.
Kilmer.

"The dog, of course," said Mr. Miller.
"Now," said Emmett, "Not the dog,
but the man who had the dog. He re-
minds me of the time I met
High Cardozo at the Aragon in Atlanta."

said Mr. Harp. "He was telling me
about a fellow—"

"Well, you see," resumed Emmett,
"when the ventriloquist and the dog got
together in the evening and went out
on the corner, the dog would talk."

"Money talks," said Kilmer, "but I
never hear of a dog talking."

"The dog don't talk," said
Emmett, "but everybody thinks he does."

"How do you tell that?" asked Miller.
"I don't have to tell it unless I choose
to. The ventriloquist talks by throwing
his voice at the dog."

"If I had that dog here now I'd throw
a club at it," said Harp.
"This dog don't bite," said Emmett.
"Anybody could throw his voice at him,
if he was a ventriloquist, and he would
just wag his tail."

"What was that dog's name?" asked
Miller.
"Fido. But to resume my tale. The
dog was hungry."

"Why didn't you give him a bone?"
asked Kilmer.
"If you'd better cut that tail,"
remarked Harp.

"I'll tell this tale if I get arrested for
disorderly conduct," said Emmett, as he
leaned up against the lamp post and put
his right foot on the curb.

"It was about twenty years ago," he
continued.
"The dog's dead now, ain't he?"
asked Miller.

"That reminds me of the time I met Bob
Golden at New York," said Kilmer.
"He was standing on the dock looking
at the sea. Suddenly a fish jumped up
and grabbed him by the foot. 'Let go my
foot,' said Bob. 'I will not,' said the
fish. 'Then I'll throw you into the
sea.' 'What if he kicked the fish out
into the sea?' I asked Bobby.

"I didn't kick any fish into the sea,"
he replied. "Then it is on my foot now,"
said the fish. He laughed, but he held up
his shoe."

"It is a sole; don't you see it on my
shoe?"
If that dog were here now," said
Harp, "he'd fall dead."

"One day the ventriloquist threw his
voice, and the dog said, 'I'm hungry!'"
continued Emmett.

"I'm thirsty," said Harp. "Let's have
some of that Cornish Beer," said Kilmer.
"Everybody took some and then Emmett
called a truck, set out to Man About
Town perfectos, and Mr. Sparks counted
out the change."

And the tale of the dog was never told.
M. T.

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